# KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD PROGRAM

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# **Announcements**

Agency staff are visiting local HUD housing officials, city officials, construction companies, renovation companies, associations, and other groups potentially involved in lead hazard detection or lead abatement activities. This will insure that these individuals are aware of the requirements of the Kentucky Environmental Lead Law and regulations, and degree lead hazard disclosure requirements.

As of December 14, 1998 only the following have become EPA Authorized States:

Alabama, California, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia

An important date to remember is March 1, 1999. As of this date training programs in unauthorized states must apply and receive accreditation before courses can be taught in those states.

To determine the application status of other states or specifics rules or interpretations, contact the internet at www.epa.gov/opptintr/lead or your regional EPA office.

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# **Updates**

# **Re-certification**

For those individuals who were certified in 1997, you need to check the expiration date on your certification certificate. There are specific requirements for re-certification, including time periods and the requirement for a refresher course. See 902 KAR 47:080 Section 6. "Re-certification" for the specific requirements.

# **Course Certificates and Certification**

The agency has been contacted by a lead abatement company, who has indicated that they do not have a copy of their employees certificate(s) for course(s) taken. Reportedly, the company at which they previously worked has the records, and will not make them available to the worker. Kentucky regulations do not specifically require a copy of the certificate(s). Other acceptable documentation would be:

- Documentation from the training provider stating that the individual attended and passed the course. Also, if not accredited by the Department a statement indicating that it was an EPA model course.
- If the training provider is accredited in Kentucky the provider must provide at minimum a copy of the certificate to the individual taking the course. The original may be sent to the company where they work.

## **New EPA Model Curriculums**

According to EPA the new "Worker" course is now available through HUD user.

The new "Supervisor" course should be available in the near future (likely February 99).

The "Project Designer" and "Inspector" courses will be out in March 99.

As these become available the training providers using EPA model courses, or basing their courses on the EPA model(s) must update their courses accordingly.

HUD user can be contacted at 1-800-245-2691